

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 presently stand subject to a restriction and/or election requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner is of the opinion that there exists three different species: (D) the embodiment of Fig. 1; (E) the embodiment of Fig. 4; and (F) the embodiment of Fig. 5.

Upon election of one of the embodiments D-F, the Examiner further requires an election of the species of applied voltage for prosecution should no generic claim be held to be allowable: (G) the voltage applied to the electrodes in the electrolyte is a constant or continuous DC; and (H) the voltage applied to the electrodes in the electrolyte is provided at a switching frequency of up to 100 kHz.

ELECTION

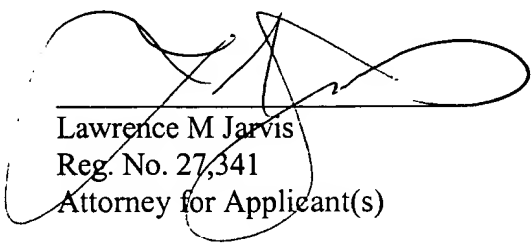
Applicant hereby elects species E, namely the embodiment of Fig. 4 and species H, wherein the voltage is provided at a switching frequency of up to 100 kHz. The claims that would read on this species would be claims 1 through 4, 6 through 19, 22 and 24 through 32.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of this application is requested. A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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